STATEMENT

1. Saree
2. Dhoti
3. Towel, Agancha and Angavastram
4. Lungi
5. Khes, Bedsheet, Bedcover, Counterpane, Furnishing (including Tapestry, Upholistery)
6. Jamakkalam Durry or Durret
7. Dress Material
8. Barrack Blankets, Kambal or Kamblies
9. Shawal, Loi, Muffler, Pankhi etc.
10. Woolen Tweed
11. Chaddar Mekhala/Phanek

Joint venture units in Madhya Pradesh

4459. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of joint venture units of the Union Government functioning in Madhya Pradesh at present particularly in the tribal areas;

(b) whether Union Government propose to formulate any action plan for the industrial development of this tribal areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dues against NTC

4460. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL:
SHRI SANAT MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Textile Corporation has to pay Rs. 11.70 crores towards cotton supplied by the Gujarat State Co-operative Cotton Federation during the last three years;

(b) whether this has adversely affected the cotton growers cooperatives and cotton growers in Gujarat; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the NTC to repay the outstanding dues of Gujarat State Co-operative Cotton Federation?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) As on 31.3.96, NTC had to pay a sum of Rs. 15.44 crores to the Gujarat State Co-operative Cotton Federation towards purchase of cotton.

(b) and (c). Since cotton is purchased by the NTC mills on credit terms, there are always bound to be certain outstanding dues at any given point of time. NTC is unable to clear all the outstanding dues due to acute working capital shortage. NTC is expected to clear the dues depending upon the availability of working capital.

Clearance to Export Bills

4461. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN:
SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has recently directed the commercial Banks to take immediate action for recovery of the large amount of foreign exchange blocked against piles of uncleared export bills;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of foreign exchange to be recovered as a result thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the defaulting companies in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Domestic and International Disputes

4462. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of India has suggested to establish and promote alternative dispute resolution services for speedy resolution of both domestic and international disputes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b). The Chief Justice of India has endorsed the need for promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms in India for speedy resolution of domestic as well as international disputes.